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TAGS: APER(MCGUIRE, RALPH J.), ML

SUBJ: PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS

1. PRESENTED CREDENTIALS THIS MORNING TO PRESIDENT TRAORE. DEPT HAS COPY OF MY REMARKS, WHICH EMPHASIZED DESIRE OF UNITED STATES TO COOPERATE WITH GOM AND OTHERS IN COMBATTING EFFECTS OF DROUGHT AND RE-ESTABLISHING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION.

2. IN HIS REPLY (TEXT BEING SENT BY POUCH), PRESIDENT TRAORE REFERRED TO THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS AN EXAMPLE FOR THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. HE SAID THAT U.S.-MALI RELATIONS WILL SHOW IMPORTANT STRIDES IN THE FUTURE, THANKS TO THE GROWING INTEREST OF THE UNITED STATES IN AFRICA. HE EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN THAT THE GAP BETWEEN RICH AND POOR NATIONS WAS WIDENING, THE RICH GETTING RICHER AND THE POOR GETTING POORER. THEN, ADDRESSING THAT PART OF MY REMARKS IN WHICH I REFERRED TO THE POSSIBILITY OF DIFFERENCES OF OPINION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, HE SAID THAT SUCH DIFFERENCES WERE INEVITABLE. GIVEN MALI'S HISTORY OF FOREIGN DOMINATION, IT WAS FIRMLY AND UNSHAKABLY OPPOSED TO ALL FORMS OF RACISM AND OPPRESSION, SPECIFICALLY SOUTH AFRICA, RHODESIA, AND PORTUGAL, WHOSE POLICIES HE DESCRIBED AS RETARDING THE EVOLUTION OF THE WORLD TOWARD AN ERA OF PEACE. HE ASKED ME TO TRANSMIT TO THE PRESIDENT HIS SINCERE GRATITUDE FOR THE SUPPORT THE UNITED STATES HAS GIVEN TO MALI AND TO CONVEY TO THE

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PRESIDENT HIS BEST WISHES FOR PERSONAL HAPPINESS AND THE PROSPERITY

OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

3. IN BRIEF INFORMAL CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT TRAORE, WITH FOUR MEMBERS MILITARY COMMITTEE SITTING SILENTLY BY, HE REITERATED HIS DESIRE THAT I INFORM THE PRESIDENT OF THE DEEP GRATITUDE OF THE PEOPLE OF MALI FOR THE AID GIVEN BY THE UNITED STATES. HE ASSURED ME OF HIS DESIRE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH ME IN THE FUTURE. HE THEN SPOKE IN THE WARMEST TERMS OF AMBASSADOR BLAKE, NOTING THAT THE AMBASSADOR SPOKE BAMBARA, AND RECALLING THE FRANK DISCUSSIONS THEY HAD HAD. HE ALSO TOOK THE OCCASION TO EXPRESS HIS GRATITUDE FOR THE COOPERATION SHOWN BY DCM KUNIHOLM, WHO WAS PRESENT, DURING THE MONTHS HE WAS CHARGE. I CONFINED MY REMARKS TO GENERALITIES, ASSURING HIM OF MY DESIRE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH HIM, AND OF THE CONTINUING INTEREST OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES IN AFRICA.

4. DISCUSSION WAS BRIEF, BUT ATMOSPHERE WAS RELAXED AND FRIENDLY. MCGUIRE

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